



Par for the Course

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Greendale complies with handicap rules

Greendale Golf Course has officially appointed a Handicap Committee so that it can be listed as a licensed club eligible to use the USGA Handicap System.

Ralph Swartwood, a regular Greendale member, has been elected by management to be chairman. Rules require the chairman not be an employee. Other committee members are employees. They are:

Gary Temple, Manager; **Sarah Harmon**, Assistant Manager; **Tom Cafanga**, Food and Beverage Manager, and **Troy Miller**, Assistant Superintendent, all golfers.

The principal purpose of the committee is to maintain the honesty of the system, which is administered by the Virginia State Golf Association.

Greendale, as with all clubs, had to answer yes to 17 questions, the last of which was that the previous 16 were answered in the affirmative. Some of those requirements are of particular interest to golfers who play Greendale and who maintain handicaps. Those require: **Posting** of all scores made at home and away.

Nine-hole scores to be combined and posted.

Insist the *Rules of Golf* be followed.

Reduce or increase "Handicap Indexes of any

player whose handicap does not reflect the player's potential ability."

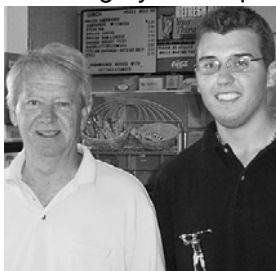
Greendale was notified by the VSGA that all conditions had to be followed after Jan. 1, 2006. Any authorized club had until the end of 2007 to comply. Greendale returned necessary paperwork in February.

Dad's day golf draws big field

Seventy eight family members signed up and played in Greendale's annual Father's Day Tournament played Saturday, June 17.

Three age groups competed in the scramble format.

George and David Capen shot 97 to take first place in the category for offspring



Lee & Adam Pritchett aged 8 through 12. Second went to **James and Brett Baisden** with 102.

For ages 12-17, **Glen and Drew Barrett** shot 68 for first; **Robert and William Martindale** were second with 69, and **Richard and Cameron Stark** carded 70. Will Martindale won closest to the pin at 25 feet.

Lee and Adam Pritchett won the 18-and-older section,



Glen & Drew Barrett shooting 68. **Bob and Jeremy Letnick** also shot 68, but the tie breaker was the scoring on the No.1 handicap hole. **Al and Jason Yaworske** were third with 70.

Bob Fronczek won closest to the pin at 32 feet in the older flight.



Winners were awarded trophies and prizes, while other competitors got Greendale golf caps and other merchandise.

Junior golfers are welcomed

Did you know that junior golfers as young as 5 years old are welcomed to some Fairfax County Park Authority courses?

Nine-hole, executive and par-three FCPA courses permit youngsters as young as 5 to play when accompanied by an adult.

Greendale, as well as Laurel Hill, Twin Lakes, Oak Marr, Jefferson District, Burke Lake and Pinecrest, permit golfers 8 and up to

Repairing your ball marks will keep your greens the way you want to putt them.

play with an adult. Juniors 8-17 years old may also get a 45 percent discount on non-prime time green fees at those seven courses with a membership in the Junior Golf Program 2006.

The season fee of \$12 also provides free access to Junior Clinics at all courses except for Laurel Hill, a free bucket of range balls for every one bought, reduced entry fees for junior tournaments, discounted 5-hole playing lessons at Jefferson, a free rule book and a free VSGA handicap.

Four clinics – on putting, chipping and setup and swing speed to be taught by **Jim Loftus** – are scheduled for Greendale. More information is available on the FCPA Web site, fairfaxcounty.gov/parks (look under *FIND AN ACTIVITY*).

GCC employee to study on Kona

Versatile employee **Kristina McVay** is going to Kona, Hawaii, to study missionary work.

She will be taking a five-month course at the Discipleship Training School of The University of Nations.

Kristina, who has worked in the clubhouse as an assistant manager and at the snack bar for about 3 years, said she won't become a missionary. She decided to attend the non-denominational school because her parents had taken similar training and because they support missionaries financially.

Upon her return, she intends to finish her senior year at George Mason

University and get her degree in elementary education.

And yes, she does "go to church every Sunday."

Touches of color added to grounds

Collaboration between Assistant Manager **Sarah Harmon** and Superintendent **Keith Tasaka** has brought, or is bringing, reds, and whites, pinks and blues to flower beds around the clubhouse and the course.

The corner of the clubhouse at the walk to the starter's gazebo has been brightened with plants, flowers and bark to set off the clubhouse and its new siding. In addition, three varieties of hosta, blue, yellow and green, have been put in place in various spots.

At the end of the walkway in front of the gazebo is an example of the new signage on the course. That sign, which instructs that no carts are allowed, replaces an open barrier of rebar that was covered with blue plastic piping.

Visitors might look for a rather big, colorful rock in one of the gardens by the clubhouse patio. That rock was discovered under the 6th green by tines on an aeration machine.

Bag racks have been moved to wrap around the corner of the clubhouse at the entrance walkway to see if that might improve the flow of pedestrian traffic. That move also improves the appearance of the garden with the Greendale logo-inspiring Japanese lantern.

Ace 'just a fluke' to woman golfer

Greendale Women's Golf Association member **Doris L. Trunfio** "didn't give a full swing" June 20 when she scored her first hole in one on No. 14.

Mrs. Trunfio said she held back a bit with her five-wood, which she usually hits 150 yards, because she had 130 yards to the front pin.

"I didn't realize it" rolled into the hole after hitting on a high point of the green and other members in her league foursome shouted, "You got a hole in one; you got a hole in one."

Mrs. Trunfio has been playing for about 8 years.

Maybe golf's rules really are different

Misconceptions exist about the rules of golf, the USGA says in a Web-distributed feature.

Golfers are permitted, indeed encouraged, to place an identifying mark on the ball, even if it is a line on the circumference to aid in aiming putts, the USGA says in *Rule of the Week*TM.

Some players say a golfer who has a ball on the fringe may not have another tend the pin. Rule 17-1 says the player may have the flag attended "regardless of the part of the course on which his ball lies."

Nothing in the rules prohibits holing out when another ball is still in the cup.

ESTABLISH YOUR HOME HANDICAP AND PREPARE TO PLAY IN THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Speeding play, like thinking of your next shot as you approach it, helps everyone.